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SUBJECT: TCDC REGIONAL MEETING FOR WEST ASIA

**REF: STATE 111553** 

- 1. BESIDES ECWA MEMBERS, NUMBER EC COUNTRIES ARE ATTENDING KUWAIT TCDC CONFERENCE, INCLUDING BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, W.GERMANY, ITALY AND UK. PLO IS IN ATTENDANCE BUT AS OBSERVER, AS COMPARED WITH ECWA MEMBERS AND OTHER FULL UN MEMBERS WHO ARE CALLED PARTICIPANTS.
- 2. DISCUSSIONS TO DATE HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO READING OF LONG AND RATHER TURGID SPEECHES ON THE VIRTUES OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WHILE ECWA AND NON-ECWA UN MEMBERS ARE BEING TREATED EQUALLY, ECWA MEMBERS ARE CAUCUSING SEPARATELY AND ONLY ECWA MEMBERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN MEETING'S DRAFTINC COMMITTEE. UK REPRESENTATIVE TELLS US THAT THIS IS STANDARD PROCEDURE AND THAT AT ECLA MEETING IN MAY 1976, THE DEVELOPED COUNTRY DELEGATIONS WERE ASKED TO APPROVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINAL REPORT ALTHOUGH THEY HAD NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN ITS DRAFTING. UK DELEGATE AT ECLA CONFERENCE, SPEAKING FOR EC, MADE STATEMENT OF DISASSOCIATION, POINTING OUT THAT TEXT OF FINAL REPORT CONTAINED IDEAS, MODES OF EXPRESSION OF THESE IDEAS AND REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WHICH RESPECTIVE EC GOVERNMENTS HAD DECLINED TO ACCEPT IN THE PAST IN OTHER UN BODIES AND WHICH WERE COVERED BY

RESERVATIONS. THESE RESERVATIONS STILL STOOD.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) FINAL REPORT IS UNLIKELY TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE SATURDAY, MAY 28 OR MORE LIKELY, SUNDAY, MAY 29, THE FINAL DAY OF MEETINGS. SINCE WE ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH NUANCES OF LANGUAGE TO WHICH WE MAY HAVE OBJECTED IN THE PAST, WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE OVER AND ABOVE THAT CONTAINED REFTEL ON HOW TO PROCEED. IS OUR ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT UNLESS FINAL REPORT CLEARLY CONTAINS NO OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE, WE SHOULD DISASSOCIATE OURSELVES FROM IT AS UK DID AT ECLA (PARA 2 ABOVE)? (B) ANY EXAMPLES OF LANGUAGE TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTED AT PREVIOUS REGIONAL ECONOMIC MEETINGS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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